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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 18, 2008. An appropriate extension of time is being submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Response to Restriction Requirement begin on page 22 of this paper.